

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 11 has been amended to overcome the rejection under this section. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions in order to expedite prosecution.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 11 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Itonori et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,943,443) in view of Yamagata et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,048,113) and further in view of Kubota (U.S. Patent No. 6,041,323).

Claim 11 has been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 6 in order to expedite the issuance of subject matter indicated as being allowable. All claims are now in condition for allowance.

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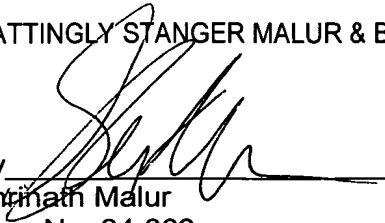
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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